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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a hair accessory, said method comprising: forming a loop with a member having a first end, a middle, and a second end, wherein the loop is formed only in the middle of the member; attaching a plurality of hair strands ~~including at least one of natural hair and synthetic hair~~ to at least one support member; and spirally wrapping the at least one support member around at least one of the first end, the middle, and the second end of the member.
2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising attaching a hair anchor to at least one item selected from the group consisting of the support member, the first end of the member, the middle of the member, and the second end of the member.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein forming a loop further comprises retaining the loop formed at the middle of the member using a tightening device.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 3 wherein the tightening device is slidably coupled to two portions of the member, wherein sliding the portions of the member through the tightening device in a direction away from the middle of the member reduces the size of the loop formed in the middle of the member.
5. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein attaching a plurality of hair strands further comprises attaching a plurality of bundles of hair strands to the support member.
6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein wrapping the hair at least one support member further comprises spirally wrapping the hair respective support members around the first end of the member, the middle of the member, and the second end of the member.

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7. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising attaching a hair anchor to at least one of the hair strands and the support member.

8. (Original) A hair accessory comprising: an elongated member having a first end, a middle, and a second end; a loop formed with said member, wherein said loop is formed in said middle of said member; and a strand retention member comprising a plurality of hair strands attached to a support member, wherein said strand retention member is spirally wrapped around at least one of a first end of said elongated member, a middle of said elongated member, and a second end of said elongated member.

9. (Original) A hair accessory according to claim 8 further comprising a hair anchor attached to at least one of said strand retention member, said first end, said middle, and said second end of said elongated member.

10. (Original) A hair accessory according to claim 8 further comprising a tightening device through which extends two portions of said elongated member.

11. (Original) A hair accessory according to claim 10 wherein said tightening device is slidably coupled to said elongated member and configured such that sliding a first portion of said elongated member and a second portion of said elongated member through said tightening device in a direction away from said middle of said member reduces a size of said loop formed in said middle of said elongated member.

12. (Original) A hair accessory according to claim 8 wherein said plurality of hair strands comprises a plurality of bundles of hair strands.

13. (Original) A hair accessory according to claim 8 wherein said strand retention member is spirally wrapped around said first end of said elongated member, said middle of said elongated member, and said second end of said elongated member.

14. (Original) A hair accessory according to claim 8 further comprising a hair anchor attached to at least one of said plurality of hair strands and said strand retention member.

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15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein:  
each support member has a length;  
the method further comprises the step of coupling each support member to the member along only a portion of the respective support member length to allow other portions of the respective support member length to move relative to the member.
16. (New) A hair accessory, comprising:  
a tightening device;  
an elongate member having a first end, a middle section, and a second end; the first end being distinct from and unattached to the second end; the first and second ends respectively extending through the tightening device to form a loop at the middle section; the tightening device being slidable along the elongate member to adjust a size of the loop; and  
a plurality of hair strands coupled to an elongate flexible base, the base being spirally wrapped around the elongate member.
17. (New) The hair accessory of claim 16, wherein the base is fixedly coupled to the elongate member, whereby the base is not slidable relative to the elongate member.
18. (New) The hair accessory of claim 16, wherein only a portion of the base is fixedly coupled to the elongate member, whereby other portions of the base are slidable relative to the elongate member.
19. (New) The hair accessory of claim 16, wherein a portion of the base is fixedly coupled to the elongate member and another portion of the base is slidable relative to the elongate member.
20. (New) The hair accessory of claim 19, further comprising a hair anchor operatively coupled to the base adjacent the elongate member.
21. (New) The hair accessory of claim 19, further comprising a hair anchor coupled to the elongate member middle section.

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22. (New) A hair accessory, comprising:

a tightening device;

an elongate member having a first end, a middle section, and a second end; the first end being distinct from and unattached to the second end; the first and second ends respectively extending through the tightening device to form a loop at the middle section; the tightening device being slidable along the elongate member to adjust a size of the loop; and

a plurality of hair strands coupled to a first elongate flexible base, the first base being spirally wrapped around the elongate member adjacent the first end;

a plurality of hair strands coupled to a second elongate flexible base, the second base being spirally wrapped around the elongate member adjacent the second end; and

a plurality of hair strands coupled to a third elongate flexible base, the third base being spirally wrapped around the elongate member middle section.

23. (New) The hair accessory of claim 22, wherein:

at least a portion of the first base is fixedly coupled to the elongate member; and  
at least a portion of the second base is fixedly coupled to the elongate member.

24. (New) The hair accessory of claim 23, wherein:

at least another portion of the first base is slidable relative to the elongate member; and

at least another portion of the second base is slidable relative to the elongate member.

25. (New) The hair accessory of claim 23, further comprising a hair anchor operatively coupled to an element selected from the group consisting of the third base and the elongate member middle section, the hair anchor being completely hidden from view by the hair strands coupled to the third base when worn in the hair of a user.